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at1119paper: Complete the Square, b = odd (v507)

Example

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 47x = -540$$

Add $\left(\frac{-47}{2}\right)^2$, which equals $\frac{2209}{4}$, to both sides of the equation.

$$x^2 - 47x + \frac{2209}{4} = \frac{49}{4}$$

Factor the left side.

$$\left(x + \frac{-47}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{49}{4}$$

Undo the squaring.

$$x + \frac{-47}{2} = \frac{-7}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x + \frac{-47}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{47 - 7}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad x = \frac{47 + 7}{2}$$

$$x = 20 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 27$$

Question 1

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 35x = 344$$

Question 2

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 19x \;=\; -70$$

Question 3

By completing the square, find both solutions to the given equation:

$$x^2 - 33x \;=\; 720$$